

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. RICK DRISCOLL AND MS. TRACY WATSON ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR MARRIAGE**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will be united in marriage July 30, 2005, in Ashtabula, Ohio; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will dedicate their lives to each other; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will share their wedding day with family and friends; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson have illustrated the love and commitment necessary to live a long and beautiful life together.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson on the occasion of their marriage.

**IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF TESS MANALO-VENTRESCA**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Tess Manalo-Ventresca, devoted wife, mother, dedicated community activist, environmentalist, child advocate and friend and mentor to countless people.

Mrs. Manalo-Ventresca was born and raised in the Philippines, and immigrated to San Francisco with the hope of a better life for herself and her three children. A single mother, Ms. Manalo-Ventresca worked full-time at a union trustfund, yet still found time to become deeply involved in the issues of her urban neighborhood, particularly, quality of life issues, environmental issues and concerns regarding the youth of the community.

Mrs. Manalo-Ventresca's tireless advocacy on behalf of the people of her community was framed by heart, personal strength and conviction. In 2000, she joined Experience Corps, a national organization that links volunteers with public schools. Her focus on uplifting the lives of the children of her neighborhood was unwavering, and she spent countless hours volunteering her time at Francis Scott Key Elementary School in the Outer Sunset neighborhood, even long after her own children were grown. She became a permanent source of hope and energy at the school, serving as a member of the PTA, and leading the effort to organize environmental projects and programs. Her efforts to protect and improve her neighborhood are numerous and significant. She organized her neighbors to rally against the intrusion of adult businesses into her neighborhood, and led a triumphant effort to stop an international coffee shop chain from establishing a store in her community, preventing a detrimental impact to independently owned businesses nearby.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Tess Manalo-

Ventresca, an exceptional human being whose integrity, kindness and concern for others has instilled light, hope and justice throughout San Francisco. I offer my deepest condolences to her husband, Joel; her children, Mark, Michael and Aurelia; her eight grandchildren; and her extended family and many friends. Her journey through life has made our world a better place, and her legacy will live on, carried aloft by every tree she planted and everyone whose lives were changed forever by knowing her.

**IN HONOR OF WADE BOGGS**

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Wade Boggs, who will be inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame this weekend. Wade represents the latest addition to Tampa Bay's proud history of achievement in sports, particularly baseball.

Wade's success has come full-circle, from his beginnings in Tampa area Little League games, to the start of his pre-professional career at Plant High School, and finally the conclusion of his career with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Wade has been a strong community leader for the Tampa Bay area. Currently he assists the coaching staff of Wharton High School's baseball team, where his son Brett looks to follow in his dad's footsteps.

Even a partial listing of Wade's career successes would be too lengthy, but one of Tampa's proudest moments is certainly when Wade got his 3,000th hit at home in a Devil Rays uniform. The Devil Rays will never forget Wade, as he hit the first home run in Tampa Bay's history.

Two of baseball's greatest rivals also share Tampa's pride in Wade's achievements. The Boston Red Sox gave Boggs his first chance at a career in baseball when they drafted him right out of high school. As a player in the team's minor league ranks, Boggs bounded from New York, to North Carolina, and New England. In 1992, Wade signed with the New York Yankees, whose spring training facilities in Tampa once more brought him home.

In 1998, as an expansion team, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays signed Wade to be a part of their inaugural season. There, Wade carried on his well-known idiosyncrasies such as eating chicken before every game and hitting exactly 150 ground balls during batting practice.

Wade Boggs personifies the values of baseball, both on and off the field, and serves as an inspiration to many. The Tampa Bay area is privileged to count Wade among its sons, and congratulate him on his latest success.

**A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF REUBEN RAY MILLER**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Reuben Ray Miller of Dundee; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller was a caring and loving son, brother, and uncle; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller died while serving his country in Iraq; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him; and

Whereas, to the lives that he touched, the memory of Reuben Ray Miller will stand as a monument to a truly fine person.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Reuben Ray Miller.

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TONY HALL**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues the attached statement by our former colleague Tony Hall, who now serves as U.S. ambassador to the World Food Programme. Ambassador Hall is concerned about the future of world food aid in light of current negotiations at the World Trade Organization.

In the past year, the world has been broadsided by tragedy. Mother Nature wreaked havoc in Indonesia, destroying lives and impairing the ability of tens of thousands of survivors to feed themselves. In Darfur, the constant need for food aid will not subside until people can safely return to their homes and begin to plant seeds. Ethiopia has once again found itself on the brink of famine. There, the causes are complex, but the need is simple. Food aid is helping Ethiopians stay alive.

I want to discuss another looming tragedy. But we can prevent this one. I'm talking about negotiations happening right now in Geneva at the World Trade Organization.

Some European members of the WTO are working to eliminate most in-kind food donations to humanitarian situations. There is a belief among some countries that the best way to insure minimal impact is to move to a cash only system for donations.

The U.S. is adamantly opposed to any proposal that would RESTRICT and therefore REDUCE the amount of donations to the world's hungry. There are 850 million people who don't have enough food to eat. And yet we are reaching only about 100 million of them with assistance. We need to be increasing our volumes of food aid worldwide but some of the wealthy WTO member states are pushing positions that will inevitably cut food aid back.

Eliminating in-kind assistance results in smaller amounts of food aid to the hungry of the world. For example, WFP's own research found "a clear decline in European Union food aid after the EC and other European member nations moved from in-kind to cash."

It is inconceivable to me that a group of our colleagues meeting in Geneva would put already fragile lives at risk. Why is this conversation even happening, considering the humanitarian emergencies in the world today?

The U.S. has given \$1.6 billion in 2005—that's half of total food aid—and emergency needs are still not being met.

The WTO should not be even discussing food aid reform. FAO and WFP are the experts. The discussions of improving food aid

deliveries should be taking place in Rome, not Geneva. The United States urges WTO to rely on UN food agencies for their expertise.

We have a moral obligation to the people of Darfur, Panda Aceh and Ethiopia and many more to protect the flexibility of our assistance programs. It would be costly mistake to limit our food aid. We are talking about people's lives—those with children, parents, sisters and brothers. People who are needed on farms, in schools, factories and churches. We have a moral obligation to do the right thing. Food aid saves lives.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
ALBERT ASHBROOK

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of Albert Ashbrook; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook was a man committed to his family and a devoted husband to his wife; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook served as Licking County Commissioner for four terms beginning in 1988; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook held active positions with the state and county Soil and Water Conservation districts for over 22 years; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook helped in the establishment of the Domestic Relations Court, county morgue, Opportunity Links employment services center, one-stop auto license and title facilities in Newark and Pataskala, and probation and child support offices in the old Ohio Power building;

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook will be remembered. His example of strength and courage will be forever remembered by those who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Albert Ashbrook.

IN HONOR OF LOS ANGELES TELEVISION NEWS LEGEND STAN CHAMBERS

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the distinguished career of Los Angeles television news legend Stan Chambers. Mr. Chambers is a mainstay of Los Angeles broadcast television who has reported the news for the same station, KTLA/WB, for 58 years. In those nearly six decades, Stan has covered every major news event in and around Los Angeles including the assassination of Robert Kennedy, earthquakes, the Los Angeles riots, and the 1984 Olympics. On Saturday, July 30, 2005, the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will pay tribute to Stan Chambers for his outstanding work and illustrious career in news journalism. It is with great pride that I

congratulate Stan on receiving this honor that recognizes his illustrious body of work. And though his career journey is as impressive as it is unprecedented, perhaps most laudable has been Stan's commitment to family—and I am quite sure that his wife, Gege, his 11 children, his 33 grandchildren and his 4 great grandchildren would wholeheartedly agree.

A lifelong Angeleno, Stan was born in the City of Angels on August 11, 1923. He attended Loyola University and transferred to the University of Southern California following orders from the Naval Officers Training Corps, which he had joined during World War II. The seeds of Stan's journalistic passions were planted in college while working at the university's radio station.

Stan began his long and prestigious career with KTLA, the first commercially-licensed television station in the Western United States, in December 1947. At the time, only 300 or so Angelenos had television sets. He remembers fondly a time early in KTLA's existence when the station would consult every television viewer in Los Angeles on the quality of its programming.

In 1949, during a precedent-setting moment in television broadcasting, Stan helped build KTLA's reputation for on-the-spot news coverage. The tragedy of Kathy Fiscus, a four-year-old girl who fell into an abandoned well near her home, would be considered by many the most memorable story of his career. Stan began coverage of the rescue operation within minutes of its commencement. A career in television journalism was born.

Stan has reported a record 20,000 plus stories in his career. Think back, from every major natural disaster in Los Angeles since 1947, to tragic, high profile stories like the Manson Family murders and the case of the Hillside Strangler, Stan Chambers was there. When amateur photographer George Holiday filmed the beating of Rodney King in March of 1991, he turned to Stan Chambers to report what would be a seminal moment in Los Angeles history.

In addition to his coverage of breaking news in Los Angeles, Stan has been the face for the KTLA/WB signature broadcast of the Tournament of Roses Parade since 1949. Interviewing parade luminaries, capturing the reactions of parade enthusiasts, Stan has kept Angelenos entertained as we have watched procession after procession for over half a century. In 2002, the prestigious Tournament of Roses Association presented Stan with a special award for over 50 years of dedication to Rose Parade broadcast excellence on KTLA/WB.

Stan has been honored with several Emmy awards, a Golden Mike award, the "Governor's Award" from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and a coveted star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In January of 1998, the Stan Chambers Building at KTLA was dedicated as a tribute to Stan's 50 years of dedicated service to the station and community. The Mayor of Los Angeles at that time, Richard Riordan, even presented him with a street sign featuring his name that was posted just outside the KTLA studios, at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Stan Chambers for his distinguished career in news broadcasting. His contributions to the

world of news reporting and to the City of Los Angeles have been extraordinary and unforgettable. As Mr. Chambers' family, friends and colleagues gather with the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists to honor his lifetime of achievement, I wish to add my voice and salute a true pillar of Los Angeles.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
MARY ANN HENDERSHOT

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mary Ann Hendershot; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was a loving wife to her husband, Robert, for 51 years and mother to her two children; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was active in her church, where she played the piano and organ for 45 years, and served as a district officer for the United Methodist Women; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was a member of the Madison Homemakers Club, the Auxiliary of the Countryview Assisted Living Center, Golden Sixties, Cambridge Lioness Club, and was an honorary member of the Guernsey County Township Trustees and Clerks Association; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was also an active member of Guernsey County Farm Bureau, Board of Elections, and the Extension Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, the leadership and compassion she showed towards others will stand as a reminder to a truly remarkable person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann Hendershot.

RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AIRPORT AS THE 2005 RECIPIENT OF THE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Southern Illinois Airport for being awarded the General Aviation Airport of the Year for 2005 by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Southern Illinois Airport is located between Carbondale and Murphysboro, Illinois and is among the busiest airports in the state, with 120,000 takeoffs and landings each year. In addition to the private and business customers who use the airport on a daily basis, Southern Illinois Airport is also home to the Aviation Management and Flight programs for Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The airport is designed to accommodate aircraft from the smallest propeller airplanes to